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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

STATE OF TIMBER: CULTURE, FIRE PLAY ROLES IN CSKT FOREST PLAN

By VINCE DEVLIN of the Missoulian

RONAN - In 2000, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes adopted a new forest management plan that immediately cut the annual timber harvest on tribal lands on the Flathead Reservation almost in half, from 32 million board feet a year to 18.1 million. What changed? For one thing, a plan that spoke of cultural and spiritual values in the same breath as economic ones. For another, a plan whose intent was to use logging in an attempt to mimic the role wildfire played in a forest's ecosystem prior to the major fire suppression efforts of the last century. "The forest management plan is based on the natural process of fire," James Durglo, head of CSKT's forestry department, says. "I don't think many have been developed that way."

GREAT FALLS LEADERS LOOK TO COORDINATE WORK FORCE EDUCATION EFFORTS

By PETER JOHNSON, Tribune Staff Writer (12/08/07)

Great Falls business and education leaders are exploring ways to better coordinate their efforts to get high school students thinking about careers earlier and to get the school district to share classes with the college of technology.

The dozen or so Great Falls educators and business leaders who made a two-day fact-finding tour of Kalispell's successful work force development program a few weeks ago stressed that the Great Falls effort is still in the early talking stages.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK: MSU PRESIDENT USHERS IN NEW ERA FOR INDIAN RELATIONS

By JODI RAVE, Reporter's notebook

"The only thing of importance that leaders can do is create and manage change." - Edgar Schein

BOZEMAN - Montana State University President Geoffrey Gamble represents a rare form of leadership in academia when it comes to embracing an Indian presence on campus.

The 10 best states in the Tax Foundation's 2008 State Business Tax Climate Index are as follows:

1. Wyoming
2. South Dakota
3. Nevada
4. Alaska
5. Florida
6. Montana
7. New Hampshire
8. Texas
9. Delaware
10. Oregon

Click on the link above for the full article.

JOB VACANCIES:

ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN, POSITION #61166271, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$23,857 to \$29,821 DOQ. This position supports audit quality control reviews and

Bureau accountants. Application deadline: Friday December 28, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at:

http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=284

PROGRAMMER ANALYST, POSITION #61166769, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$40,157 to \$50,196 DOQ. This position is responsible for providing technical and functional support for the SABHRS IT Team. Application deadline: Friday December 28, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at:

http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=285

FILE CLERK, POSITION #61403804, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$16,747 to \$20,934 DOQ. This position provides a range of data management, customer support, and administrative services to support ongoing MPERA operations.

Application deadline: Monday, December 17, 2007 at 5 p.m. For complete vacancy announcement, contact our website at:

http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=283

CONTRACTS OFFICER, POSITION #61104002, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$32,878 to \$41,097 DOQ. This position conducts solicitations in assigned commodities, mentors agencies in procurement procedures and provides contract oversight and management. For complete vacancy announcement, contact our website at:

http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=281 For application materials, contact our website at <http://mt.gov/statejobs/statejobs.asp> Application deadline: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 5 p.m.

ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN, POSITION #61166334, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$19,881 to \$24,851 DOQ. This position is responsible for vendor information system management, stale-dated warrant replacement and warrant distribution. For complete vacancy announcement, contact our website at:

http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=282 For application materials, contact our website at <http://mt.gov/statejobs/statejobs.asp> Application deadline: Friday, December 28, 2007 at 5 p.m.

FOOD SERVICES SUPERVISOR MANAGER; Division: Youth Services; Location: Pine Hills Youth Correctional Facility; Status: Salary: \$11,889-\$14,861; Position No.: 64104091; Pay Band: 4; Bargaining Unit: MPEA; Supplement: No; Shift: Sun-Wed 7:30 to 5:30; Benefits: State employees working at least half-time are also provided paid health, dental and life insurance. Other benefits for eligible state employees include a credit union, a deferred compensation program, public employees' retirement program, 15 working days annual leave per year, 12 days sick leave per year, paid holidays, and up to 15 days military leave with full pay. Earned leave benefits may be used for maternity and parental (birth/adoption) leave and for immediate family illness care. Application Deadline: Applications may be returned to any local Job Service Office or the Department of Corrections by email, fax or hard copy. Pine Hills Youth Correctional Facility fax to (406)232-7432. Attn: Julie Straub email to jstraub@mt.gov; 4 North Haynes Miles City, MT 59301. This position closes no later than 5:00 p.m., December 17, 2007. Application materials are available on the web at <http://mt.gov/statejobs/statejobs.asp>

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR: TENURE TRACK POSITION IN

AQUATIC INVERTEBRATE ECOLOGY at The University of Montana's College of Forestry and Conservation to begin fall 2008. Requirements include a doctoral degree in aquatic invertebrate ecology, river ecology, or a related field, evidence of teaching excellence, record of research accomplishments, and ability to communicate effectively with students, professionals, and the general public. Send: letter of application, CV, teaching and research statements, and contacts for three references to Lisa Eby, Search Committee Chair, College of Forestry and Conservation, The University of Montana, Missoula MT 59812. Full position description available at www.umt.edu/hrs. Review begins January 15, 2008. The University of Montana is an EEO/AA employer.

ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, POSITION # 067150, 067200, and 067250, University of Montana-Missoula, Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders, School of Education. Salary \$54,000 to \$66,000 DOQ. Responsibilities: teach graduate and undergraduate courses in the fields of Speech and Language Pathology and/or Audiology; supervise research and student clinical practicum; and mentor students. Application deadline: Friday, January 4, 2008 at 5 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement, contact our website at <http://www.umt.edu/hrs/employment2.html>. AA/EOE/ADA/Veterans' preference.

ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR (3 positions): The Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders at the University of Montana-Missoula invites applications for three full-time 10 month tenure-track positions. Two positions require expertise in Speech Disorders (neuropsychologies, dysphagia, fluency, voice and/or phonological/articulation disorders) and one position requires expertise in Language and Literacy Disorders. Ability to teach graduate and undergraduate courses, supervise research, advise students, pursue scholarly research, serve on committees including but not limited to masters committees, department committees, and school/University committees. Earned doctorate in Audiology or Speech and Language Pathology or related field, CCC, and eligibility for MT licensure required. Begin August 2008. Salary competitive. Review begins January 4, 2008 and continues until positions are filled. Send letter addressing criteria and areas of expertise, curriculum vita, list of three references, and transcripts for all degrees to: Dr. Al Yonovitz, Chair, Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders, The University of Montana, 32 Campus Drive, Missoula, MT 59812-6696. Full position description available at: <http://www.umt.edu/hrs/employment2.html> The University of Montana is an AA/EOE/ADA/Veterans' preference employer.

Head, Bibliographic Management Services Division

Tenure track, Associate Professor: The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library of The University of Montana seeks a knowledgeable, highly-motivated, effective library technical services director for a dynamic information resources and teaching environment. The Head of Bibliographic Management Services (BMS) must demonstrate effective leadership, excellent personnel management skills, and have considerable experience in acquisitions and electronic resources management. Reporting to the Dean of University Libraries, the Head of Bibliographic Management Services serves as a member of the senior management group and works to facilitate effective communication and working relationships library wide and among the affiliated campuses. As division head, this position supervises the department staff responsible for the acquisition and cataloging of all formats and providing metadata expertise for the library's growing digitization projects; is responsible for the development and application of policy, workflow, project management and resource allocation; administers acquisition fund management; participates in the Collection Development committee to provide budget reports and to implement methods of collection management that provides data for purchasing decisions; and plays a key role in overseeing electronic resource acquisition and management. Tenure track position. For info on essential qualifications and position requirements, please refer to www.umt.edu/hrs and click on the employment, faculty section. Application review will begin December 17, 2007 and the search will remain open until the position is filled. Applications should include a letter addressing the criteria, a vita and a list of three professional references. All materials should be sent to: Administrative Services, c/o Kathy Hendricks, Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, The University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812-9936 or email: library.jobs@umontana.edu Please visit our website at: <http://www.lib.umt.edu>

TRIBAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST); POSITION #: 05178; LOCATION: Helena; DIVISION: Business Resources; PAY BAND: 6; STATUS: Permanent, Full-Time; JOB CODE:131936; SUPPLEMENT: YES; ANNUAL SALARY: \$36,192 - \$45,240. (Depending on experience, continuous service and salaries of existing employees). Application Deadline: Applications must be submitted to a Montana Job Service Office or the Montana Department of Commerce, Personnel Office, PO Box 200501, Helena MT 59620-0501. Applications must be received or postmarked by the closing date of January 20, 2008. The Montana

Department of Commerce will accept FAXED application materials and electronic application materials via E-mail to docapplicants@mt.gov.

CIVIL ENGINEER (TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT PROGRAM ENGINEER); POSITION #: 36067; LOCATION: Helena; DIVISION: Community Development; PAY BAND: 6; STATUS: Permanent, Full-time (Contingent upon funding after June 30, 2009); JOB CODE: 172516; SUPPLEMENT: Yes; ANNUAL SALARY: \$41,499 – \$62,249. (Depending on experience, continuous service and salaries of existing employees). EXCELLENT BENEFITS ARE PROVIDED BY THE STATE OF MONTANA. Application Deadline: Applications must be returned to your local Job Service or to the Department of Commerce, Personnel, PO Box 200501, Helena MT 59620-0501 no later than 5:00 pm., December 20, 2007. The Montana Department of Commerce will accept FAXED application materials and electronic application materials via E-mail to docapplicants@mt.gov.

GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

COMMUNITIES AT RISK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Funding Opportunity Number: UT-RFA-08-0002

Opportunity Category: Discretionary

Posted Date: Dec 03, 2007

Creation Date: Dec 03, 2007

Original Closing Date for Applications: Dec 14, 2007

Current Closing Date for Applications: Dec 14, 2007

Archive Date: Jan 13, 2008

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

Category of Funding Activity: Natural Resources

Expected Number of Awards: 1

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$3,000,000

Award Ceiling: \$1,305,000

Award Floor: \$1,305,000

CFDA Number: 15.228 -- National Fire Plan - Wildland Urban Interface

Community Fire Assistance

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No



Eligible Applicants: Unrestricted (i.e., open to any type of entity above), subject to any clarification in text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility"

Additional Information on Eligibility: This opportunity is unrestricted, however, the BLM, Utah has been working over the past five years with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands to meet the objective of this program.

Agency Name: Bureau of Land Management

Description: The program was established by the Department of Interior and related Agencies Act to allow the Bureau of Land Management to enter into assistance agreements with local communities to reduced the risk and impact of wildfire. The objective is to reduce the risk and impact of wildfire on Utah communities through wildfire protection planning; hazardous fuels reduction, maintenance and monitoring, mitigation and education activities and to enhance local employment opportunities to accomplish these objectives. If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:

Maria Gochis

Grants & Agreements Specialist

Phone 801-539-4178 [Maria.Gochis, Grants Management Officer](mailto:Maria.Gochis@BLM.gov)

APPLICATION INFORMATION CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (CMHS) REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA) CAMPUS SUICIDE PREVENTION GRANTS

Description: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services is accepting applications for fiscal year(FY) 2008 for Campus Suicide Prevention Grants. The purpose of this program is to facilitate a comprehensive approach to preventing suicide in institutions of higher education. This program is designed to assist colleges and universities in their efforts to prevent suicide attempts and completions and to enhance services

for students with mental and behavioral health problems, such as depression and substance abuse, which put them at risk for suicide and suicide attempts.

Deadline: Jan 18, 2008

Awards: Up to \$100,000 per yr for up to 3 yrs

Announcement at:

http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2008/sm_08_002.aspx

EVENTS/TRAINING:

For Immediate Release November 21, 2007

Contact Information Danielle Arnoux (406) 252-2550 p

PLANNING THE NATIONAL TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE UNITES TRIBES



Planning for the largest tribal environmental conference in the Western Hemisphere is underway. Tribal environmental representatives from Salish Kootenai, Ft. Belknap, Ft. Peck, Northern Cheyenne, and Crow were in attendance at last week's meeting. The conference will be held June 23-28, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Grand here in Billings. Professionals and experts from the Nation will gather for the premier environmental Indian Country event.

Conference Director, Allyson Kelley states, "This conference will be like no other, combining health and environment into one conference by bringing tribal professionals together to work towards unifying goals and solutions." The conference planning team is actively seeking presenters and keynote speakers that demonstrate tribal environment and health success stories.

Please visit the conference website: www.ntcem8.org to learn more about the 8th National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management. We will be updating the website continually so check back often or contact Karla or Cheryl at (406) 252-2550, ntcem@mtwytic.com.

DIVERSITY IN LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER FAIR AND JOB EXPO

Hosted by the Montana Highway Patrol, Great Falls Police Department and the FBI, this event will be the 25th and 26th of January 2008, in Great Falls Montana. It will go from 6-9 pm on Friday and 9am -6pm on Saturday.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for your agency to recruit from a diverse group of individuals in the Great Falls and surrounding area. If you would like to participate please contact me. I am looking for individuals (females & minorities) who would like to demonstrate their skills as well, K-9, Firearms, and Detective, etc. The exhibition hall is pretty big so we can have lots of activities for the attendees to do.

The highway patrol is planning on bringing the Mobile Impaired Driver Assessment Center as well as the helicopter, weather permitting. If you have a unique vehicle that you would like to display please let me know.

Cost for registration is \$100.00. Space will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. For registration, please contact: John A. Spencer Montana Highway Patrol 2550 Prospect Ave. Helena, MT 59620-1419 Office 406-444-3284 Fax 406-444-4169 Mobile 406-461-4116 "Service Integrity, Respect"

**OPPORTUNITY FOR AMERICAN INDIAN SMALL
BUSINESS OWNERS IN TOURISM**
**MTTA development of Seven Lodges: A Visitors
Guide to Montana's Indian**

Billings, MT (December 3, 2007) – The Montana Tribal Tourism Alliance (MTTA) is working on the development of "Seven Lodges ~ A Visitors Guide to Montana's Indian Country" in an effort to promote and market Indian-owned tourism businesses on the seven Indian reservations in Montana. The development of the Seven Lodges Visitors Guide is an initial step to develop culturally appropriate tourism in Indian Country in Montana.

"The time is right for American Indians in Montana to voice our own "Welcome" to visitors who are interested in visiting Montana's Indian Country", says Dyani Bingham, Director of the Montana Tribal Tourism Alliance. Over 10 million visitors travel to Montana each year and it is the goal of the MT Tribal Tourism Alliance to capture their attention with the Seven Lodges Visitors Guide. "As an industry, tourism is very positive. Tourism has the potential to boost business enterprise, hospitality, cultural preservation and recreation in a way that is beneficial to Indian communities and visitors", exclaims Ms. Bingham.

The Seven Lodges Visitors Guide will be a first welcome to "Indian Country" in Montana and will encourage visitors to communicate directly with tribal and Indian owned businesses. The guidebook will guide the visitor to patronize Indian owned businesses in order to purchase authentic American Indian made arts, crafts and other hand-made products. The guidebook will also list recreational sites, lodging facilities, interpretive byways and more. G&G Advertising will design the Seven Lodges Visitors Guide, and will continue to work with MTTA on future marketing campaigns. G&G Advertising is a highly successful Native American owned marketing agency with offices in Billings, MT and Albuquerque, NM.

The Seven Lodges Visitors Guide is really about empowerment for American Indians interested in tourism. The goal is to provide an inter-tribal, cooperative marketing base that will empower Indian small business owners to market and distribute their goods and services to national and international visitors. It is the hope that the Seven Lodges Visitors Guide will also empower American Indians in Montana by providing an economic opportunity that is rooted in cultural preservation and positive imagery.

To request a Seven Lodges Visitors Guide application, please call Dyani Bingham at 406-208-2389 or email her at dyani_b@hotmail.com.

MTTA would also like to put out a call for high-quality, high-resolution photographs to be used in the Seven Lodges Visitors Guide. Photographs should be in a .jpg format and should exemplify the people, art, beauty, diversity, landscape, celebrations, recreational sites and businesses of Indian Country in Montana.

The other important aspect of tribal tourism development is training. It is important to inventory the tourism product that is currently available and offer training that will help the tribal tourism business succeed. Currently, MTTA is partnering with Travel MT and the State Tribal Economic Development Commission to build a calendar of tourism training opportunities for American Indians in MT that will include topics like pricing, marketing, hospitality, American Indian Tour guide development, visitor demographics and branding.

The Montana Tribal Tourism Alliance is an inter-tribal, non-profit organization that promotes culturally appropriate economic development through tourism. Since 1999, MTTA has worked with a wide array of partners on tribal tourism initiatives, including tourism education and cooperative marketing efforts. We are dedicated to providing American Indians in Montana the resources necessary to build tourism in Montana's Indian Country. The MTTA offices are located at 207 N. Broadway, CO 15 in Billings, MT and we are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. The phone number is 406-208-2389 and you may reach us via email at dyani_b@hotmail.com.

**2ND ANNUAL WOMEN'S POLICY LEADERSHIP
INSTITUTE**
JANUARY 18TH AND 19TH, 2008
Helena, Montana- The Great Northern Hotel

Women's Policy Leadership Institute's goal is to create a progressive training and mentorship network to facilitate the transfer of practical policy skills and experience from current women leaders to future women leaders. The Institute is for women interested in learning more about how to participate in and shape the policy making process and is open to all ages and levels of experience-- from those who have gotten their feet wet to those getting ready to take first steps. Presenters, panels and breakout sessions will cover a wide range of skills and topics, to be presented by women who are currently involved in policy efforts in Montana, including legislators, lobbyists, advocates, organizers, and more. The estimated cost of the conference will be \$40 to attend and \$25 extra for shared lodging (4 to a room) on Friday night – attendees in Helena might also be willing to host attendees in their homes. Some scholarships will be available. More details of conference program and registration forms will be posted on www.montanawomenvote.org by Dec. 15th. You can also email us at info@montanawomenvote.org and we will send you a registration form. We would appreciate your help informing your community about this opportunity. The importance of women's leadership in policy efforts cannot be overstated- our communities and state absolutely need us. If you know others who might be interested in this opportunity – please pass on the information. If you are interested in helping organize this event, please contact Judy Smith, Montana Women Vote Co-Director, at jlswift@mtwi.net or 543-6997. Hope to see you there!

Steering Committee for the 2nd annual Women's Policy Leadership Institute, 2008 (Judy Smith, Bonnie Gail, Angela Goodhope, Brandi Henry, Katy Redd, Stacey Anderson, Jessie Lundberg, Kim Abbott, Alysha Goheen Jannotta). Montana Women Vote (MWV), a statewide coalition working to educate and mobilize unlikely women voters to participate in democratic process, sponsors this training opportunity. To learn more about MWV and other ways to get involved visit www.montanawomenvote.org. Please also feel free to contact MWV at 543-3550 ext. 214 or info@montanawomenvote.org.



The [U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding under the Tribal Courts Assistance Program. This program furthers the Department's mission by assisting tribal jurisdictions in improving their criminal justice systems.

Tribal Courts Assistance Program (TCAP) FY 2008 Competitive Grant Announcement

Eligibility

Applicants are limited to federally recognized tribal governments, including Alaska Native villages and corporations, and authorized intertribal consortia. Recipients of prior BJA Tribal Court planning grants may only apply for Category III funding. Recipients of FY 2006 or FY 2007 TCAP grants are not eligible for FY 2008 supplemental funding.
(See "Eligibility," page 1)

Deadline

All applications are due by 8:00 p.m. e.t. on February 7, 2008
(See "Deadline: Applications," page 1)

Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact: Bob Brown, BJA Senior Policy Advisor, at 202-616-3297 or robert.brown@usdoj.gov.

This application must be submitted through Grants.gov. For technical assistance with submitting the application, call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 1-800-518-4726.

Grants.Gov number assigned to announcement: BJA-2008-1726
Release date: December 3, 2007

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Tribal Courts Assistance Program CDFA #16.608

Overview of Tribal Courts Assistance Program

Authorized by 25 U.S.C. 3681(a), the Tribal Courts Assistance Program (TCAP) helps develop new tribal courts, improves the operations of existing tribal courts, and provides funding for technical assistance and training of tribal court staff. The program's goals are to (1) provide planning grants to develop a comprehensive strategy and implementation plan to establish a court; and (2) provide grants for an existing tribal court system to enhance tribal court services.

Deadline: Registration

Registering with Grants.gov is a one-time process; however, if you are a first-time registrant, it could take up to several weeks to have your registration validated and confirmed and to receive your user password. It is highly recommended you start the registration process as early as possible to prevent delays in submitting your application package to our agency by the deadline specified. There are three steps that you must complete before you are able to register: 1) register with Central Contractor Registry (CCR), 2) register yourself as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR), and 3) be authorized as an AOR in your organization. For more information, go to www.grants.gov. **Note: Your CCR registration must be renewed once a year. Failure to renew your CCR registration will prohibit submission of a grant application through Grants.gov.**

Deadline: Applications

The due date for applying for funding under this announcement is 8:00 p.m. e.t. on February 7, 2008.

Eligibility

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 524 note, applicants are limited to federally recognized tribal governments, including eligible Alaska Native villages and corporations,¹ and authorized intertribal consortia (see 25 U.S.C. § 450b[e]). For a recent list of federally recognized tribes see Vol. 72, No. 55, of the *Federal Register*, [pp. 13648-13652](#).

Under this solicitation, a tribal government or intertribal consortium may submit only one application—a tribal government may not be part of two applications—and only one tribal government may serve as the applicant agency for an intertribal consortium.

¹ In Alaska, funds awarded through this program to the tribes listed below may not be used for courts or law enforcement officers for a tribe or village, pursuant to Public Law 108-199 § 112(a)(1): (1) tribes in which fewer than 25 Native members live in the village year round; and (2) tribes that are located within the boundaries of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the Matanuska Susitna Borough, the Municipality of Anchorage, the Kenai Peninsula Borough, the City and Borough of Juneau, the Sitka Borough, or the Ketchikan Borough.

All applications must be accompanied by a current authorizing resolution of the governing body of the tribal entity or other enactment of the tribal council or comparable government body. If the grant will benefit more than one tribal entity, a current authorizing resolution or other enactment of the tribal council or comparable government body from each tribal entity must be included. If the grant application is being submitted on behalf of a tribal entity, a letter or similar document authorizing the inclusion of the tribal entity named in the application must be included.

Recipients of prior BJA Tribal Court planning grants may only apply for Category III funding. Recipients of FY 2006 or FY 2007 TCAP grants are not eligible to apply for FY 2008 supplemental funding.

TCAP-Specific Information

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

TCAP helps develop new tribal courts, improves the operations of existing tribal courts, and provides funding for technical assistance and training of tribal court staff.

For information on tribal courts and training, visit the National Tribal Justice Resource Center's web site at www.tribalresourcecenter.org.

Award Categories

Tribes may submit a TCAP application in one of three categories below. All applicants are encouraged to identify and plan system improvements to increase the tribe's (or tribes') capacity to collect and share court-related system data.

CATEGORY I: PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING AN INTERTRIBAL COURT SYSTEM FOR SMALLER POPULATIONS. Grant maximum: \$200,000.

Applicants from consortia of tribal governments—at least two per consortium—each serving a population of less than 1,000 to plan, develop, and implement a new tribal court system. Funds may be used to facilitate the development and initial implementation of an intertribal court system to meet the needs of more than one tribe in the same geographic region. Should distances and/or inhospitable terrain adversely impact the development of a collaborative partnership for TCAP, tribes serving populations of less than 1,000 may apply as a single entity by including this justification in their applications.

CATEGORY II: PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING A SINGLE-TRIBE COURT SYSTEM. Grant maximum: \$200,000.

Applicants from tribal governments serving populations of 1,000 or greater for the development and initial implementation of a tribal court.

CATEGORY III: ENHANCING THE OPERATION OF TRIBAL COURTS.

Applicants from tribal communities of any size to enhance the operation of existing tribal courts, including, but not limited to: establishing a core structure for a tribal court, improving case management, training court personnel, developing civil and criminal code, acquiring equipment and software, enhancing prosecution and indigent defense, supporting probation diversion and alternative sentencing, designing services and multidisciplinary protocols for juvenile victims of physical and sexual abuse, and structuring intertribal or tribal appellate systems. Category III awards will be awarded under two tiers: 1) tribes and tribal consortia serving populations of less

than 5,000 (grant maximum: \$150,000); and 2) tribes serving populations of 5,000 or more (grant maximum: \$175,000). Applicants under both tiers must include information about their current operating budget and dockets to support the requested funding.

Length of Awards

The minimum project period for TCAP awards is 24 months. The project start date should be on or after September 1, 2008 and end 24 months later.

Performance Measures

To assist in fulfilling the Department's responsibilities under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), P.L. 103-62, applicants who receive funding under this solicitation must provide data that measures the results of their work. Performance measures for this solicitation are as follows:

Program Objectives	Performance Measures	Data Grantee Provides
Develop or enhance court capacity.	<p>Intermediate Outcome Measure: Average percent increase over the prior year in the number of cases handled by courts receiving enhancement or continuing operations grant awards.</p> <p>Output Measure: Number of new single-tribe or intertribal courts established.</p> <p>Output Measure: Total number of cases handled.</p> <p>Output Measure: Number of full-time equivalent (FTE) judicial positions created or funded under the grant award.</p> <p>Output Measure: Number of other FTE positions created or funded under the grant award.</p>	<p>Number of cases filed in the court in the year prior to implementation.</p> <p>Progress reporting on the implementation of the program.</p> <p>Number of cases filed in the court during the reporting period.</p> <p>Number of judicial positions created as a result of the grant during the reporting period.</p> <p>Number of nonjudicial court positions created as a result of the grant during the reporting period.</p>
Increase or enhance integration of tribal justice information systems.	<p>Intermediate Outcome Measure: Percentage of established single-tribe or intertribal courts that are equipped with functioning information systems.</p> <p>Intermediate Outcome Measure: Percentage of established single-tribe or intertribal courts that actively support information sharing with justice systems in accordance with national standards.</p>	<p>Progress reporting documenting the establishment of a functioning information system.</p> <p>Progress reporting documenting information sharing between court agencies and/or jurisdictions, consistent with national IT standards set by BJA.</p>

How To Apply

DOJ is participating in the e-Government initiative, one of 25 initiatives included in the President's Management Agenda. Part of this initiative—Grants.gov—is a “one-stop storefront” that provides a unified process for all customers of federal grants to find funding opportunities and apply for funding.

Grants.gov Instructions: Complete instructions can be found at www.grants.gov. If you experience difficulties at any point during this process, please call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 1-800-518-4726.

Note: Grants.gov does not support the Microsoft Vista Operating system. The PureEdge software used by Grants.gov for forms is not compatible with Vista. Also, Grants.gov cannot yet process Microsoft Word 2007 documents saved in the new default format with the extension “.DOCX.” Please ensure the document is saved using “Word 97-2003 Document (*.doc)” format.

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CFDA Number: The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this solicitation is 16.608, titled “Tribal Court Assistance Program,” and the funding opportunity number is BJA-2008-1726.

A DUNS number is required: The Office of Management and Budget requires that all businesses and nonprofit applicants for federal funds include a DUNS (Data Universal Numeric System) number in their application for a new award or renewal of an award. Applications without a DUNS number are incomplete. A DUNS number is a unique nine-digit sequence recognized as the universal standard for identifying and keeping track of entities receiving federal funds. The identifier is used for tracking purposes and to validate address and point of contact information. The DUNS number will be used throughout the grant life cycle. Obtaining a DUNS number is a free, simple, one-time activity. Obtain one by calling 1-866-705-5711 or by applying online at www.dunandbradstreet.com. Individuals are exempt from this requirement.

What an Application Must Include

Standard Form 424

Program Narrative (Attachment 1): The program narrative must respond to the solicitation and the Selection Criteria (1–3, 5) in the order given. On page 1 of the program narrative, indicate which category (Category I: Planning and Implementing an Intertribal Court System; Category II: Planning and Implementing a Single-Tribe Court System; or Category III: Enhancing the Operation of Tribal Courts) you are applying for. The program narrative must be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point font (Times New Roman is preferred) with 1-inch margins, and must not exceed 10 pages. Please number pages “1 of 10,” “2 of 10,” etc. Submissions that do not adhere to the format will be deemed ineligible.

Budget and Budget Narrative (Attachment 2): Applicants must provide a budget that is allowable and reasonable. Applicants must submit a budget worksheet and budget narrative in one file. A fillable budget detail worksheet form is available on OJP's web site at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/Forms/budget_fillable.pdf. Of special note:

- **Travel:** Tribes must allocate at least at least 10 percent of the maximum award amount to cover travel and costs for attending OJP and BJA trainings, such as the Tribal Justice and Safety, Consultation, Training & Technical Assistance Sessions.
- **Personnel:** If a position under TCAP is supported with BJA funds, total costs associated with salary and fringe benefits may not exceed 50 percent of the federal grant amount.
- **Information Technology:** Equipment and software purchased with BJA funds must be capable of supporting information sharing among justice systems and compliant with appropriate national standards (see www.it.ojp.gov/jsr/intro/intro03.html for details).

Project Timeline and Position Descriptions (Attachment 3)

Attach a *Project Timeline* with each project goal, related objective, activity, expected completion date, and responsible person or organization, and *Position Descriptions* for key positions.

Selection Criteria: Categories I and II

1. Statement of the Problem (15 percent out of 100)

Identify the population the court will serve; the geographic area covered; and socioeconomic data, if available. Applicants unable to obtain this data must offer a detailed justification for the lack of the data, and provide alternative information to support the identified problem. Identify the problems the proposal addresses and the commitment of the tribe(s) to resolve the problems. Identify civil, juvenile, and criminal caseloads the project will address. Include, as applicable, information about violent crimes, property crimes, domestic violence, child welfare, juvenile offenses, alcohol and substance abuse, and other priority crimes. Applicants for intertribal grants must list all federally recognized tribal partners and provide a resolution or equivalent enactment from the tribes certifying their participation in the project. The applicant should provide a community assessment of the problem(s) outlined.

2. Program Design and Implementation (30 percent out of 100)

Describe Year 1 (planning/development) and Year 2 (implementation) goals and objectives and how they will be accomplished. Detail the proposed court's purpose, structure, and operation, as well as the commitment of the tribal partners and strategy the tribe(s) will take to ensure coordination of services with elected tribal leaders, law enforcement, corrections, treatment providers, and the community. The applicant, whether Category I or II must establish an advisory team for the project. The advisory team should include a well-rounded representation of the tribal criminal justice system including, but not limited to: elected tribal leaders, judge(s)/court personnel, law enforcement, corrections/community corrections, jail, clerk of court or other such representative, treatment services, and the community. Explain how team members' will support the implementation plan, and ensure that appropriate personnel attend and participate in TCAP-sponsored trainings. Briefly discuss system improvements to increase the tribe's (or tribes') capacity to collect and share court-related system data.

3. Capabilities/Competencies (25 percent out of 100)

Establish a comprehensive timeline for Years 1 and 2 that describes each project goal, objective, and activity. Identify expected beginning and completion dates; and discuss how data from performance measures will be collected and managed for timely and complete reporting to BJA. Identify the individuals who will be responsible for collecting data. Briefly describe how each task will help develop the tribe's justice system. The response should complement and further clarify Attachment 3.

4. Budget (10 percent out of 100)

Provide a proposed budget that is complete, includes allowable costs, and is fully justified based on the proposed project (as Attachment 2).

5. Impact/Outcomes, Evaluation, and Sustainment (20 percent out of 100)

Explain how the tribe(s) will know if the program works. Describe how data will be collected to support the program and how it will be assessed to measure the impact of proposed efforts. Explain what will be measured, who is responsible for performance measures, and how the information will be used. Outline a strategy for sustaining the project when the federal grant ends.

Selection Criteria: Category III

1. Statement of the Problem (15 percent out of 100)

This is an enhancement grant, and the applicant needs to clearly identify the problems which the enhancement(s) will address, and the tribe's commitment to resolve these problems. Identify and discuss the historic caseload and offenses the project will address. Describe the operation and costs of the current tribal court, including staffing patterns and services. Include information about violent crimes, property crimes, domestic violence, child welfare, juvenile offenses, alcohol and substance abuse, and other priority crimes. Indicate the tier (I or II) under which the application should be considered.

2. Program Design and Implementation (30 percent out of 100)

Describe Year 1 and Year 2 goals and objectives and how they will be accomplished through the proposed enhancement of services. The proposed enhancements must be clearly defined and their purpose described. Detail the proposed court's purpose, structure, and operation, as well as the strategy the tribe will take to ensure coordination of services with law enforcement, corrections, treatment providers, and the community. The applicant must establish an advisory team for the project. The advisory team should include a well-rounded representation of the tribal criminal justice system including, but not limited to: elected tribal leaders, judge(s)/court personnel, law enforcement, corrections/community corrections, jail, clerk of court or other such representative, treatment services, and the community. Describe the project advisory team and who will serve as BJA's point of contact. Explain how team members will support the implementation plan, and ensure that appropriate personnel attend and participate in TCAP-sponsored trainings. Briefly discuss system improvements to increase the tribe's (or tribes') capacity to collect and share court-related system data.

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Review Process

All applications will be peer reviewed. The BJA Director will then make award recommendations to the Office of Justice Programs' Assistant Attorney General, who will make final determinations.

Additional Requirements

- Civil Rights compliance.
- Confidentiality and Human Subjects Protections regulations.
- Anti-Lobbying Act.
- Financial and Government Audit requirements.
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance.
- DOJ Information Technology Standards.
- Single Point of Contact Review.
- Non-Supplanting of State or Local Funds.
- Criminal Penalty for False Statements.
- Compliance with Office of the Comptroller *Financial Guide*.
- Suspension or Termination of Funding.

We strongly encourage you to review the information pertaining to these additional requirements prior to submitting your application. Additional information for each can be found at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/otherrequirements.htm.



“SAVE THE DATE”

**What: Montana Indian Business Alliance
Quarterly Meeting**

Join us for a facilitated discussion about Indian youth entrepreneurship and how we can develop new partnerships to expand the capacity of programs that will positively impact Indian youth for generations to come.

**When: Thursday January 24, 2008
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Where: MSU Billings (Downtown Campus)
2804 3rd Avenue North
Billings, Montana**

“We must teach our children that it’s okay to be business people”
Ron His Horse Is Thunder, Keynote Speaker-
MT Indian Business Conference and Showcase 2007



**For lunch count please RSVP to Sandy Wood at 406-454-6226 or E-mail: swood@fib.com
by January 17, 2008**

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